

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CELEBRATING FORMER MAYOR HARRY MIMS

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commend Former Mayor Harry Mims, who has devoted 38 years of outstanding leadership to the Village of East Hodge in Louisiana. The East Hodge Town Hall will be dedicated in his name honoring his unwavering service. Also adding to the festivities, a celebration will be held to commemorate Mayor Mims' 99th birthday.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering plentiful well wishes to Mayor Mims. His resolute commitment and compassionate service to the community deserve our gratitude.

## HONORING MRS. HELEN S. SLAGLE

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mrs. Helen S. Slagle of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. Slagle is retiring from Federal service after 36 years of loyal service.

Helen Slagle entered into Federal service in 1977 and has never truly left. In 1977 Helen enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After her honorable discharge in 1997 from the Marine Corps at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant; Helen was once again called into Federal service with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Helen then transitioned to the private sector, working under contract for the Federal Government. In 2006, Helen began her final posting with the Federal government as a Special Agent with the United States Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services, Kansas City Office. During her time at O.P.M. Helen has directly supported the Federal, military and defense contractor assets located in Northwest Missouri. The investigations that Helen conducted have been for the proud military men and women who are serving their state and country.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen S. Slagle. For the last 36 years Helen has dedicated herself to the United States of America through her unwavering Federal Service and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 287–288. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted “yes” on both.

## IN HONOR OF LINGOHOCKEN FIRE CO.—100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, as one of Bucks County's many volunteer fire companies, the Lingohocken Fire Company is celebrating 100 years of continuous service that began with caring, local farmers leaving the fields to answer a neighbor's call for help. This small cadre grew and soon a “fire company” was responding to the loud clanging of an old locomotive wheel that now hangs outside the firehouse as an historic reminder of those who answered the call. Today's volunteers are 21st century—trained in the use of modern equipment and well-prepared to protect lives and properties. They continue to work hard and last year, alone, they put in nearly 5,000 hours responding to fire calls, training, attending meetings and other company-related activities. We proudly acknowledge the Lingohocken Fire Co., serving Wrightstown Township and portions of Buckingham and Upper Makefield townships. Congratulations on your 100th anniversary, outstanding public service, and for the example you set for others to follow.

## IN RECOGNITION OF SCLER- ODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Scleroderma Awareness Month this June, I rise today in recognition of the 300,000 Americans with Scleroderma.

Scleroderma is a chronic and disabling connective tissue and rheumatic disorder resulting from an overproduction of collagen in the skin, tissue, and underlying muscle. The word “scleroderma” means hardening of the skin, which is often one of the most visible manifestations of the disease. But scleroderma can also affect many other areas of the body including the heart, lungs, kidneys and gastrointestinal system.

Given the unpredictable progression of the disease, Scleroderma, like many other auto-

immune diseases, is difficult for medical practitioners to accurately diagnose and even more difficult to treat as there are currently no disease specific treatments. As we recognize the need for awareness of this troublesome disease, we can and must do more for the thousands of Americans who are diagnosed with this condition each year.

This is why I authored H.R. 1429, the Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act. This bipartisan legislation coordinates and intensifies research and awareness of this disease, prioritizes the development and evaluation of new treatments options, and authorizes Director of NIH to pursue enhanced clinical and basic research related to Scleroderma. I want to thank my colleague, Representative PETER KING (NY–02), for leading this bill with me and then 11 cosponsors who have already lent their support to this effort.

I urge my colleagues join us in support of this important legislation providing for needed federal investment in this misunderstood disease.

## RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM AREA AGENCY ON AGING

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William Area Agency on Aging.

The Prince William Area Agency on Aging is one of more than 670 agencies in the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. The Agency of Aging works to maintain the independence and quality of life for adults and their families. Volunteers work alongside professionals serving as advocates, educators, and coordinators implementing programs and services for the senior members of the tri-jurisdictional areas of Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Volunteers assist with the Bluebird Tour Program, Disability Service Board, Virginia Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program, Agency on Aging Tax Aid, Commission on Aging, Long Term Ombudsman Program, and the Senior Centers and Adult Day Healthcare.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Bluebird Tour Program:

Bill Barnhart, Trudy Burks, Brian Fulton, Diane Fulton, Fran Harrod, Mary Kay Portell, Wanda Pulliam, Ray Vanderbilt, Chester Smith, Nancy Smith.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Disability Service Board:

Phyllis Aggrey, Michael Bizik, Nona Bond, James Bryant, Janice Buie, Ashley Cavossa, Barbara Diehl, Mark Fletcher, Lillian Garland, Melvin Padgett, Il, Diane Raulston, Karen Smith, Paul Weisenberger, Karen Williams.

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